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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

GERARD *et al.*

Appl. No.: 09/064,057

Filed: April 22, 1998

For: **Compositions and Methods for  
Reverse Transcription of Nucleic  
Acid Molecules**

Art Unit: 1635

Examiner: (To be Assigned)

Atty. Docket: 0942.4330002/RWE/BJD

### Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In advance of prosecution in the above identified matter, please amend the application as follows:

#### *In the Claims:*

Please cancel claims 6, 7, 9, 11, 17, 19, 24, 25, 27, 29-32, 35, 36, 38, 42, 44, 45, 47-50, 58-60, 67, 69, 70, 72-75, 77-80, 86, 91-96, 103-107, 111, and 113, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

#### *Remarks*

No new matter has been added by these amendments. Applicants have canceled the above-noted claims solely to reduce the number of excess claims.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that are otherwise provided for in the accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are